

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A window assembly for a motor vehicle comprising:
a pair of stationary windows, said stationary windows being spaced apart and having side portions defining an opening therebetween, said opening adapted to provide communication between an interior passenger compartment of the vehicle and the exterior of the vehicle;

a pair of spaced apart guide rails, said guide rails horizontally extending across said opening and each including portions defining a channel, said channel of one of said guide rails counter-facing said channel of the other of said guide rails, said guide rails extending between first ends proximate to one side portion and second ends positioned beyond the other side portion;

a moveable window slidably received within said channels of said guide rails, said moveable window being moveable in a lateral direction to selectively cover said opening in a closed position with said moveable window nearest said first ends and selectively uncover said opening in an open position with said moveable window nearest said second ends;

a vent screen having a retraction device and a screen panel, said retraction device being supported by and mounted to and between said first ends of said guide rails ~~and adjacent to the side portion of one of the stationary windows defining the opening~~ and connected to a first end of said screen panel and adapted to automatically spool said screen panel, said screen panel further including a second end attached to said moveable window; and

whereby displacement of said moveable window from said closed position to said open position causes said screen panel to be extended over said opening, and whereby displacement of said moveable window to a closed position allows said screen panel to be spooled by said retraction device.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said retraction device includes a biasing member coupled to a support rod, said rod being connected to said first end of said screen panel.

4. (original) The window assembly of claim 3 wherein said biasing member exerts a biasing force in a direction causing said screen panel to be spooled onto said rod.

5. (original) The window assembly of claim 4 wherein said biasing force is continuously applied.

6. (original) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said second end of said screen panel is removeably attached to said moveable window.

7. (original) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said second end of said screen panel is attached to said moveable window along an edge of said moveable window.

8. (original) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said vent screen is removeably mounted to the remainder of said window assembly.

9. (original) The window assembly of claim 8 wherein said vent screen is removeably mounted to said guide rails.

10. (currently amended) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said retraction device of said vent screen is removeably mounted to said guide rails in a fixed position ~~on~~ at said first ends of said guide rails.

11. (original) The window assembly of claim 1 wherein said retraction device includes a coil spring as a biasing member adapted to cause spooling of said screen panel.

12. (currently amended) In combination with a motor vehicle window assembly having a moveable window slidingly received within first and second counter-facing channels of spaced apart guide rails extending generally across an opening defined between two side portions of spaced apart stationary windows, said guide rails extending between first ends proximate to one side portion and second ends positioned beyond the other side portion, the moveable window being selectively moveable between a closed position covering the opening with said moveable window nearest said first ends and an open position uncovering the opening with said moveable window nearest said second ends, a vent screen comprising:

a screen panel having a first end connected to a retraction device and a second end connected to said moveable window, said retraction device being supported by and mounted to and between said first ends of said guide rails adjacent to one of the side portions of said stationary windows and including a biasing member exerting a biasing force in a direction to cause said screen panel to be spooled, whereby displacement of said moveable window from the closed position to the open position causes said screen panel to be extended over said opening, and whereby displacement of said moveable window from the open position to the closed position covering said opening of said window assembly causes said screen panel to be spooled by said retraction device.

13. (previously presented) The combination of claim 12 wherein said retraction device is removeably mounted adjacent to the side portion of said stationary windows.

14. (original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said biasing member is coupled to a support rod, said first end of said screen panel being connected to said support rod.

15. (original) The combination of claim 14 wherein said screen panel is spooled onto said rod.

16. (original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said biasing force is continuously applied.

17. (original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said second end of said screen panel is removeably attached to said moveable window.

18. (original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said second end of said screen panel is attached to said moveable window along an edge of said moveable window.

19. (currently amended) The combination of claim 12 wherein said vent screen is removeably mounted to said first ends of said guide rails.